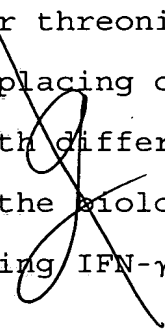


C/ represents methionine or threonine, said homologous amino acid sequence obtained by replacing one or a small number of amino acids in SEQ ID NO:2 with different amino acids without substantially altering the biological properties of said protein, and is capable of inducing IFN- $\gamma$  production by immunocompetent cells. 

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REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to place the application in better condition for examination and to claim features of the invention as fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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